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Stephen Decatur Secondary School held its fifth annual Sidewalk Art in the courtyard May Page 7

Every year as dance classes come to an end the students and instructors prepare to showoff what they have learned over the course of the last year. Page 12

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# **NASSIG Fil-Am celebrates** Asian-Pacific culture



Above and below: The fan Dance is performed during the 2004 Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration in the Stephen Decatur School multipurpose room.



By JO2 Steve Weaver Staff Writer

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The Filipino-American (Fil-Am) Association of Naval Air Station Sigonella hosted their annual Asian-Pacific Heritage Celebration on May 22 in the Stephen Decatur School multipurpose room as part of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

The month-long celebration started in 1978 when former President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage week. In May of 1990, President George H. W. Bush designated the entire month of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

"This year" Asian-Pacific heritage theme is 'Freedom for all, a nation we call our own," said PNCM (SW) Ramese Nabong, NASSIG PSD officer in charge, who was guest speaker for the event. "This year's theme fits the self-defining description of our country. Freedom for all... that is freedom for all Americans regardless of efritage or gender Anation we call our own belowed United States of America."

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The event here at Sigonella featured dances, clothing, food and more from different Asian-Pacific cultures. Dances such as the intricate Singkil, the duck imitating Itik-Itik and candle balancing Binasuan kept the large crown enthralled for the entire show. Many of the dances have differing origins, such as the Kini-Kini, which

in the Stephen Decatur School multipurpose room.

originated as a means of entertaining guests at social
gatherings. If gracefully uses scarves and handkerchiefs and
is punctuated by static poses.

The dances were separated into two suites, Muslim
and Rural. Muslim dances are influenced by Islamic traders
and settlers and are characterized by vivid colors and
rhythmic movement in a solem mood. The rural dances
come from the different rural provinces.

A display of Origami making by Saori Peterson and
Naoko Holt as well as a weapons and open hand Katal
display by Chris Backer added a Japanese flair to the
festivities. A fashion show featuring traditional clothing
from China, Japan, Philippines and other Asian-Pacific
cultures was also a crowd favorite.

Backer, who performed Kempo and Kabuto styles
during the event, said the dancers put a lot into their
performances. "A lot of hard work went into it. Gladys
Sacla did a great job teaching us everything and coordinating
everything." Backer, a level-three brown belt, will be testing
for his black belt this summer.

"It's a great way of showing the culture, especially to
the younger senerations who haven't had the chance to see
how we grew up back then in the Philippines," said SkI.
Ted Oritz, 2002 Fil-Am vice president, about the show.
"These are the things we normally see back in the
Philippines. This is the best time to show not only the
younger Asians, but [everyone else] too."
Celebration, page 10 Celebration, page 10

# Sigonella AIMD Test Cell keeps aircraft flying in Med

By Kelly Williamson

The Test Cell at Aviation Intermediate

The Test Cell at Aviation Intermediate Mintenance Detachment Sigonella is an intermediate maintenance level testing facility that serves the entire Mediterranean Area of Operations. Located in a small building on the flight line, the test cell is responsible for performing tests and checks on aircraft engines. Without the test cell s'a bility to test or "run" an engine in a controlled environment under the circumstances as if it were on an aircraft, there is a strong probability that the number of aircraft accidents would increase dramatically. What exactly does the test cell do? When an engine is repaired by one of nine work centers in the Power Plants Division at AIMD, it is then sent out to the test cell so that they can ensure the engine is in

so that they can ensure the engine is in perfect working order before shipping it Test Cell, page 8

out the fleet.

The AIMD Test Cell can evaluate three different types of engines: The CH53 helicopter T-64 engine, the H46 helicopter's T-58 and the T-56 engine, used on both the P-3 Orion and the E-2C-2. The ability to test different types of engines requires specific stands and controls for each engine, thus making it impossible to test any type of random engine in the area.

According to AD2 Kwame Als and AD2 Abdul Sesay, two test cell operators, there are several steps taken when they need to run an engine. They include mounting the engine on a stand where they can then make all the electronic, hydraulic, and pneumatic connections required to start the engine and run it as if it were installed on an aircraft, adjusting all the Test Cell. name 8



AD2 Dustin Hinton and Ken Lown dismount an engine from the test cell.



# **Direct Line**

Capt. T.L. Davison NASSIG

Commanding Officer

On Monday, May 31st, we will pay tribute to America's sons and lighters who gave the last full measure of devotion while serving our

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, began officially in 1868 and served as an occasion for relatives and citizens to decorate the graves of those who died in the service of their country. Memorial Day celebrates our heroes...past and

For some this is a difficult day. For others it's a day to revive memories of friends past. Regardless of the memory, the emotion is the same...grateful respect for the sacrifice those young men and women made...grief at the loss of their very special lives...and remembrance of their hopes, their dreams, their

The Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Soldiers whom we honor were each unique. They came from diverse backgrounds. They were Americans who chose service over self, principle over profit. Memorial Day symbolizes a time for Americans to honor our past and commit to our future. We acknowledge the debt we owe to the men and women wariors who took up arms for their families, their friends and their fellow citizens so we all could live in peace and freedom. Memorial Day reminds us that

Today, Americans across the U.S. spend months away from the comforts of home and family so others may live in freedom.

others may live in freedom.

Certainly those who gave their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq are most vivid in our minds. They were
our neighbors, our friends, and our family. Yet today's heroes only follow those who endured the
hardships of forging a democratic nation and of securing our freedoms throughout our 228 years.

Our nation goes to war when our beliefs or our shores are threatened. We got our are besures we helieve
in protecting the fundamental rights of people. And we fight and die for the prize of freedom not the glory

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To each American who died in our nation's wars - we give thanks. Thanks for making our country safer. Thanks for scarfifcing for a cause much greater than yourself. Thanks for the resounding victory of freedom over fear and hope over tyramy. We will never forget you — and we will never relent in the cause for which you fought so bravely.

The Navy and Marine Corps Team, along with our sister services and coalition partners, operate on

The Nay and Marine Corps Team, along with our sister services and coalition partners, operate on the front lines as we continue our forefathers' fight for freedom. Today it is fitting that we pause to reflect on those who came before us and those who served by our side. We have witnessed over and over the powerful force of freedom especially when faced by those who would destroy it. Freedom thrives because of the men and women we honor today, and freedom grows and endures because they lived and died knowing what a precious gift we have. As of last week, 789 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in fing last year, according to the Department of Defense. Of those, 575 died as a result of hostile action and 214 died of non-hostile causes.

Adm. Vern Clark, our Chief of Naval Operations summed it up best, "I have spert time in the company of thereos. I have seen the scriftces of young men and women just like you, who found out, you make a life by what you give. And I remain in awe of their determination and their courage and their commitment to make the world a better place."

Until next time...

# HEALTHWATCH

## Naval Hospital Blue Jacket of the Quarter

Courtesy USNH, Sigonella

For the first quarter of the calenda year of 2004, HM3 Courtenay Vincent was awarded Blue Jacket of the Quarter for Naval Hospital Sigonella. Her supervisor and co-workers know Vincent supervisor and co-workers know Vinces is most for her focus on teamwork, pride in being a member of U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella and the United States Navy. Furthermore, co-workers state that Vincent is passionate about her work and goes the extra mile to get the job done.

Since first arriving at Naval Hospital in September 2003, Vincent has worked

in September 2003, Vincent has worked in the Command Administration Department and has contributed to the command as a whole using her managerial,

organization and creativity skills. When asked what she likes most about her job she replied: "like the intensity of inces most about ner pot she replace. The the intensity of the work and that there is always something new and challenging." Furthermore, Vincent enjoys using her creativity skills and was given the opportunity to do just this when she designed the Chief Petty Officer coin for

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acting as Public Affairs Officer for the Hospital Corps Birthday Ball Committee in which she promoted and advertised all fund raising events command wide resulting in the total earning thus far of \$7,000 towards the ultimate command goal (\$21,000, that if reached will allow E-4 and below attend the Birthday Ball free of charge. Vincent serves on Mate of Day watch and so on Administrative Watch. Serving on the dministrative Watch includes a schedule rotation distinction.

ith one other Active Duty member and includes ing on call 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. en recalled to the hospital she must proces nd send out urgent traffic messages, some of which re required to be sent within one or two hours of

otification.
Through her variety of job and collateral duties. Through her variety of jo band collateral dufies, frocessing and managing command instructions, ownloading and processing over 900 general diministrative messages. Command Sailor dvocate, Department Training Petty Officer, ctive member of Command Booster Shot Club, and volunteering line after work to bug groceries and construct Easter Grams for fund raising events, fracert has enjoyed the challenge and variety of er job, as well as the chance to use her creativity kills.

HM3 Courtenay Vincent the Naval Hospital Command Master Chief. She thought up the design and gave the company making the coin a rough sketch of her idea. Other opportunities to use her creativity skills included acting as Public Affairs Officer for the Hospital

# U.S. citizenship for servicemembers during Operation Enduring Freedom

By LN1 Ignacio L. Tercero NLSO Det Sigonella

Have you ever been told that you

Have you ever been told that you do not have the right to register or vote, to hold a U.S. passport, or to hold a certain security clearance because you are not a U.S. citizen, well guess what service members?

On July 3, 2002, our commander-in-Chief, President Bush, signed an executive order (website below) under section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1440) making the road to U.S. citizenship shorter and easier to U.S. citizenship shorter and easier for service members who are not U.S. citizens who have served or are serving for any length of time on serving for any length of time on active duty status anywhere in the world during the period from September 11, 2001 until such date the President designates the end date of the war on terror of global reach. Normally, any service member seeking U.S. citizenship had to meet the lawful permanent resident status and the three-year or more of

honorable service in the armed forces. With this new executive order the naturalization process is expedited and service members no longer have to be a lawful permanent resident or have three-years of honorable service in the armed forces as long as they have enlisted or re-enlisted in the armed forces within the United States its territories. the United States, its territories, possessions, on board a public vessel owned or operated by the United States for noncommercial service. As with all applicants the following requirements still apply: be able to speak, read, write English, be of good moral character, have

be of good moral character, have knowledge of history, principles, and form of the U.S. government. All service member applicants must file Form N-400 (Application for Naturalization), Form N-426 (Certificate of Military or Naval Service), and Form G-325 (Biographic Form). These forms may be downloaded from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration

Services (BCIS) website: http://
uscis.gov., picked up at the NLSO
(BLDG 564 NAS II), or you may ask
your immigration command
representative. You can also
download the "Guide to
Naturalization" from the BCIS
website listed above to give you some
presentation the process. If you prospective on the process. If you need a copy of the above mentioned Executive Order visit: http:// Executive Order visit: http://
www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/
2002/07/2002/07/3-24.html . All applications will need to be mailed to the BCIS Nebraska Military Service Center regardless of the applicant's residence.

Bottom line: Do not let an application or a few BCIS forms stop you from having the right to vote, to hold a U.S. passopt, or to hold a Certain security clearance. Get out today and submit your application if you have

submit your application. If you have any questions about the process you may access the website listed above, talk to your command representative, or contact the NLSO at 624-5258.

# Navy Leap Frogs entertain crowd at Preakness



Lt. Cmdr. Gus Kaminski, officer in charge of the Navy parachute team the OLeapfrogs,O drops into Pimlico Race Track during opening ceremonies for the 129th running of the Preakness By JO1 Brigette A. Moritz Naval Media Center

BALTIMORE (NNS) — The U.S. Navy Leap Frogs, the Navy's demonstration parachute team, jumped into the 129th running of the Preakness May 14 at Pimlico Race Track in Baltimore.

Baltimore.

A record crowd of 112,668 watched the team, now in its 30th year, jump into the track where the Preakness, the second of three races for the Triple Crown, is held

each year in May.
The team, consisting of nine SEALs
(Sea, Air, Land) and SWCC (special warfare combatant-craft crewmanj commandos, was invited to jump during the nac in 2003, but bad weather and low cloud cover prevented a jump. The and ideally needs 10,000 feet of clear air to safely jump. The minimum required is 2,000-feet. The weather May 14 was nearly perfect for the jump. "We were thielled with the weather," said Chief Damage Controlman J.C. Ledbetter, team videographer. "We were very disappointed that we didn't get to warfare combatant-craft crewman)

jump last year."

The crowd cheered the team on as they demonstrated a variety of formations, including one where two team members locked their legs together and fell straight down until the crowd thought they would bit the ground. When they finally leg oan and gently glided to the ground, the crowd went wild

# **NAS Sigonella** Worship **Opportunities**

Catholic Mass Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II) Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I) Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41st Stormo Chapel (NAS II) Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Traditional Service Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

Protestant Worship Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo) Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

United Pentecostal Curch, International
Sunday Noon Chapel,
(NAS II)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Jewish Shabbat Service Last Friday of the month p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

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Me or We-mindedness? By Chaplain Tim Moore



Command Chaplain Monday we have the honor of

remembering our fallen brothers and sisters who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Every moment of every day that we enjoy embracing the freedoms we benefit enjoy embracing the freedoms we benefit from, defend and even take for granted, were paid for by men and women we may never know. Many times this out-of-sight-out-of-mind philosophy caches up to us on Memorial Day. The tast Monday of May has been set-aside for us to remember the countless sacrifices that were paid for the liberties that we still enjoy. Many of us enjoy the day off from our hard work, and rightly so. We enjoy this free time spent with family and friends. But comerines. with family and friends. But sometimes, many of us are guilty of remembering Memorial Day as a vacation instead of

its true intent.

of our Sailors, soldiers, and airmen. They placed the liberty of our world before themselves. Men and women like this should not be foogoten. Men and women like this should not be foogoten. Men and women like this are rightly herald as heroes. Men and women like this are rightly herald as heroes. Men and women like this are rightly herald as heroes. To be sure there will be similar stories. To be sure there will be similar stories. To be sure there will be similar stories. The War on Terrorish has cost the lives of many and will undoubtedly cost more before freedom in that part of the world is secured. Let's be true to their memory by kaking a few minutes out of our fun on Monday to honor them with our thoughts and prayers. and prayers.

and prayers.
If you don't know what to pray or what to say,! would like to suggest the following prayer from St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is haterd...let me sow love. Where there is injury...pardon. Where there is discord...unity. Where there is doubt...faith. Where there is doubt...faith. Where there is word...truth. Where there is doubt...faith. Where there is doubt...faith. despair...hope. Where there is sadness...joy. Where there is darkness...light. O Divine Master, Memoral Day as a vacation instead of its true intent.

Two years ago, President Bush addressed the word from the beaches of Normandy on Memorial Day, Herelated, "The late President, Francis Mitteral and any to so most seek to be onsoled...as to invest and the seek of the polary. The obst of June" he observed medical and the seek of the word the camp of freedom." Before down the first paramopers already had been dropped inland. The story is told of a group of Freen's women fluiding Americans and imploring them not to leave. The trooper said, "We've not leaving, I Investory as this is if the place we die." Such was the resolve darkness...light. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled...as to console. To be understood...as to understand. To be loved...as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are bardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN." This prayer, integrated into our lives, helps to move us from me-mindedness to we

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# NAVY NEWJ

# Coronado, Cowpens take part in Shimoda Black Ship Festival

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Sailors from both ships took part in a host of activities, including concerts, parades and fireworks, marking the 150th anniversary of the opening of Shimoda port by the U.S. naval fleet led by Commodore Matthew Perry.

"Shimoda is the door through which modern Japan opened itself to the world and the place where the U.S.-Japan relationship began," said Yoshimobu Ishikawa, Shixoka Prefecture governor.

"The Black Ship festival being held here with the full cooperation of the United with the full cooperation of the United States and the eager participation of the people of Shimoda for such a long period of time is truly significant."

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The first day of the three-dependent of the stival found salions participating in a number of events. Vice Adm. Robert E. Willard, U.S. 7th Fleet commander. Capt. King H. Dietrich, commander of Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Capt. Charles B. Dixon from Cowpens exchanged gifts with local officials.

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Yokosuka, Capt. Christopher D. Noble of Coronado and Capt. Charles B. Dixon from Covpens exchange gifts with local officials.

Later in the afternoon, Willard and the other commanding officers joined U.S. Navy personnel and members of the community at Gyokusenji Temple for a wreath-laying ceremony, near the graves of Sailors and Marines from Perry's fleet who died on the way to Shimoda.

The festival's second day kicked off with an official ceremony at Shimoda Park, atop a hill overlooking the bustling township's wharf. The celebration continued afterward with a parade through crowd-lined streets. Members of the U.S. 7th Fleet Band, U.S. Army Japan Band, and the Kimick High School Junior ROTC joined a host of dignitaries and Japanese groups on the parade route. "It was a great day for a parade," said Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 1st Class (SW) Jerry Frantz, of U.S. 7th Fleet's intelligence department. "The whole community was involved, and it's great to see the joint participation between the people of Shimoda, and the different military bands and organizations."

Afterward, volunteers dressed in period garb reenacted the historie signing of the Japanese-American treaty of trade

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Throughout the festival, Sailors interacted with locals and experienced Japanese culture. From women adorned in elaborate kimonos to Wadaiko drum ensembles, the



Sailors render hand salutes and the U.S. Seventh Fleet Band stands at attention while Japan Maritime Self Detense Force Sailors raise the National Ensign during the official 65th Shimoda Black Shig-Festival ceremony at Shimoda Park. The festival promotes the themeof peaceful relations between the Japanese and American people and commemorates the 1854 landing of Commodore Matthew Perry and the signing of the Japanese-American treaty of trade and amity

opportunities for enlightenment and jubilance were

innumerable.

"Theard they were going to pull people from the audience into this giant drum line," said Electronics Technician 3rd Class Jesse Helland, a radar technician aboat Cowpens,
"Everyone said it would be a lot of fun, so I went with it."

As Helland prepared to give the Wadniko drums a try, his friend unexpectedly joimed in.

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"I was just going to watch the show and then I got pulled out there," said Fire Controllman 3rd Class James Ahrens, also a radar technician aboard Cowpens. "It made the whole trip here worth it. I think they appreciate us being here, and I think it goes to show how we've grown to appreciate each other, even through tough times, and what good friends we've become."

"This is such a quiet, clean, wonderful place," said Information Systems Technician Seaman Peter Nguyen, of Coronado's communications department. "They really seem to like us Sailors and want to do things, like visit and take pictures with us."

"Yes, they're very friendly and wear such exciting traditional dress," said Information Systems Technician 3rc Class Cuong Nguyen, expounding on his friend's warm

Rainy weather brought festivities to a close earlier than expected on the last day, but the visiting Sailors enjoyed their opportunity to interact with the Japanese and renew a very old friendship.

# TRICARE for Life offers new centralized claims service

By Ellen Maurer Bureau Of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) is slated to become the new centralized claims or for all beneficiaries who are eligible for TRICARE processor for all beneficiaries wno are enginee for TRICARE
For Life (TFL), including those under age 65 and dual-eligible
for TRICARE and Medicare.
The change, which is currently being phased in by region.

The change, which is currently being phased in by region, started April 1 and continues through the end of the year. It affects approximately 1.7 million TRICARE For Life beneficiaries in the United States, Puetro Rico, Guann, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the American Samoan Islands and the North Mariana Islands.

The new contract integrates the services previously provided by each of the regional managed care support contractors. It will provide a single source for claims processing, customer service and administrative claims services.

processing, customer services.

"The new single claims processing vehicle will deliver and improve beneficiaries" "The new single claims processing vehicle will deliver customer-friendly service and improve beneficiaries' satisfaction," said Rear Adm. Richard A. Mayo, deputy director of TRICARE Management Activity. "We will employ commercial best practices and an effective management approach to provide the necessary services through this world-class claims processing system.'
WPS TFL is being phased in as follows:

Region 11: April 1 Regions 2 and 5: June 1 Regions 9, 10 and 12: July 1

Regions 3 and 4: Aug. 1
Region 1: Sept. 1
Regions 7 and 8 (Central): Oct. 1
Regions 7 kov. 1
For information about current claims processors and to find out what region a beneficiary is in, see www.tricare.osd.mil/main/chart.html.
Once implemented in a region, beneficiaries may call (866) 773-0405 for information and/or claims procession assistance.

"When services are covered by both Medicare and TFL

and you use a Medicare provider, no claims forms are necessary," said Bruce Morris, director of direct care necessary," said Bruce Morris, director of direct care TRICARE system marketing. Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, "Both Medicare and TRICARE will pay your health care provider."

The outgoing regional claims processor will continue to process claims for services beneficiaries receive until WPS TFL is implemented in the beneficiary's region, according to Morris

Morris. For more information, go to www.tricare.osd.mil/fags/ default.aspx; under "Word Search" type in "TRICARE For Life" or under the "Advanced Search" use the drop down menu, and choose category "TRICARE For Life Dual eligible," subcategory "All" and select "GO." Beneficiaries may also access TRICARE For Life information on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl and on the WPS Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl and on the WPS Web site at

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# Seabees gather to honor fallen comrades

By JOC Siegfried Bruner ander, 1st Naval Construction Division Public Affairs

Commander, 1st Naval Construction Division Public Affairs

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq (NNS) — Dozens of Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCB) 5 and 74 and members of the First Marine Expeditionary Force Engineer Group (1 MEG), gathered here May 8 to honor Seabees who paid the ultimate price for the U.S. mission in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Seven M-1 dassault rilles were carefully placed, muzzle down, on the floor of the chapel here, each accompanied by a pair of desert boots and topped with a Kevlar helmet. Tools commonly used by Seabees were laid by the boots. Seven M-1 boots are some seable with a Kevlar helmet. Tools commonly used by Seabees were laid by the boots. The Medical Seabees were laid by the boots. The Medical Seabees and Marines.

"These seven Seabees who loot their lives here in Iraq were directly contributing to improving the conditions for sustained peace. They severed us proudly and with distinction, and they have built upon the Seabee legacy, which we all humbly enjoy, said Handley.

The commodore's address was followed by a few words from Master Chief Construction Utilities and Peter Beckwith, I MEG's command master chief. Beckwith explained that all Seabees for the loss of their shipmates.

Chaplain Lt. Marc Massie led the attending Seabees in prayer and read a passage from the Gospel of Luke. He also read a poem about Seabee pride and sacrifice.

The service ended when all Seabees donned their covers and saluted their fallen comrades as Taps played in the chapel. Later in the day, NMCB 14, of which the seven were members:

and saluted their fallen comrades as Taps played in the chapel. Later in the day, NMCB 14, of which the seven were members. held a separate service at a nearby camp.

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The sevor Scabeek silded wer Equipment Operator 3rd Class Christopher Dickerson, Hull Technician And Class Jason B. Dwelley. Builder 2nd Class Michael Anderson, Equipment Operator 2nd Class Trace Dossett, Steelworker 2nd Class Ronald Ginther, Builder 2nd Class Robert Jenkins, and Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Robert Jenkins, and Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Scott McHugh. All were killed in separate attacks April 30 and May 2.

I MEG and its subordinate commands have deployed to Iraq in support of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. Its mission is to conduct civil-military operations in an effort to help Iraqis gain self-sufficiency in a free and stable Iraq. For related news, visit the Commander, 1st Naval Construction Division Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/Incd.

# Groups arrange foster care for military pets

By Donna Miles American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Deploying overseas means leaving friends and loved ones behind. For service members with no one to take care of their beloved dog, cat, bird or other pet, it once meant also having to abandon or turn the pet over to a shelter - never to see it

again.

Thanks to two nonprofit groups- the Military Pets Foster Project and Operation Noble Foster - service members can now arrange foster care for their pets while they're gone.

The Military Pets Foster Project, a nonprofit group founded by animal lover Steve Albin, has placed about 15,000 pets in foster bones throughout the United States while their owners serve in Irraq and Afghanistan. Operation Noble Foster, which specializes in foster homes for cash, sto found temporary homes for obsult 25 military cuts a month since shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, according to founder Linda Mercer.

cer. Albin and Mercer said they established their groups shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, when they learned that thousands of the sept. If terroris attacks, when they learned that thousands of service members had been forced to give up their pets when they deployed to Operation Desert Storm more than a decade earlier. "What kind of morale builder is that?" Albin said. "Does it mean that

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eu pig. Albin said he matches pets in need of foster care with appropriate foster homes and requires those involved in the arrangement

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Both Alhin and Mercer said they're impressed by the outpouring of support they receive from people willing to provide foster care for pets while service members deploy in support of the war, serve tours where they can't take their pets, or even ship off to basic training. "People are opening up their hearts and their doors to help the people of the military," said Albin. "It's a patriotic gesture of thanks." Mark Delman from Parker, Colo. signed up through Operation Noble Foster to provide a foster home for five cats owned by a military family currently stationed in Germany. Delman said he encourages others to open their doors, as well. "These people are keeping us self and five, and shouldn't have to give up their beloved pets to do so," he said. "Offering a foster home is a way of saying 'thanks." Let I people not to hesitate to do it. Albin encourages service members in need of foster care for their Albin encourages service members in need of foster care for their

is a way or saying trainise. I ten people not to nestiate or on the Ablin encourages service members in need of fister care for their pets to give the Military Pets Foster Project as much notice as possible of their upcoming deployment so the group can find a suitable home. For more information, visit the organizations' Web sites at www.netpets.org/netp/foster.php and www.operationnoblefoster.org.

# News Briets

### Off Limits

Macintosh Bar an anacher are now off limit to the entire Sigonella to the entire Sigonella community. The establishments are not safe for Americans based on several incidents that have ocurred. The area will be patrolled to ensure compliance with this order.

### Worlwide Caselot Sale Now

DeCA Europe will be having a caselot sale on May 28 through 30. Check the commissary for the two day of the three that they will hol this popular event

### Volunteers needed

The MWR Librar ooking for volunteers for the 2004 Summer Reading Program "Don't Bug Me, I'm Reading." Volunteers may read to kids on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. for Story Time or help with activities on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The program starts in July and runs until August. Call Daniel Flores ar the MWR Library at 624-3875.

# New Fuel & Oil Price

Increases Due to the increase of the Tax-free Petroleum Products (POL). Nato Forces coupon contract prices and the U.S. Dollar fluctuation, the following new prices will apply effective June 1: Unleaded/Diesel Gas-\$52 for 1001. Unleaded/Diesel Gas-\$104 for 2001.

for 200 I Multi Oil-\$37 for 10 I

Sint Oil-\$42 for 10 I LPG Bombola-\$48 for 50 kg LPG Bombola-\$96 for 100

kg LPG Bombola-\$192 for 200

kg LPG Bulk-\$160 for 400 L Tax-free POL coupor are to be used at Agip and Ess Gas stations only.

### Nearly new shop Grand Opening

To celebrate it's opening in at it's new location in the Community Building on NAS I a Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, Ma

Celebration on Saturday, May 29 at 9a.m.

The new Nearly New Shop hours are as follows: Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday 1 to 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## New NAS I Gym hours

During the first phase of the NAS II Gym renevation the locker rooms are not available for use. To help get all the command PT in as well as showers hours have been changed from 5:30 a.m. to 10 o.m. to 5 a.m. to 9 p.m

### Sealed bid sale

Fleet Management Center Vincenza will be selling GSA exchange vehicles in June. Inspection dates in Sigonella are June 9-11. Cars can be viewed at "Volcano Car Rental." Bids are due no later than Bids are due no later tha June 21. for information call 634-6266 or 633-8274.

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Fri., May 28 io on down to the Cra- rp pub for their Ladies- iight from 6 p.m. to 8 m.	Sat., May 29  Join ITT for a tour of the capital of Sicity, Palerm Visit the catacombs, the Pal din Chapel and Martorat Church. Call ITT at 624-435 for more information.	D. Europe, Mt Etna, with ITT. Rifugio Sapienza where y buy souvenirs ot take a st the Silvestri Craters. The wineries in Zafferana. Cal	Sun., May 30  Visit the largest active volcano in Europe, Mt Etna, with ITT. Stop at Rifugio Sapienza where you can buy souvenirs ot take a stroll on the Silvestri Craters. Then visit wineries in Zafferana. Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information.		Mon., May 31  Stop by the Crater Pub for some BINGO action. Cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m. and early-bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There will be BINGO on Memorial Day. Cash prizes for winners.		ns Bowling Center is le Pays, She Pays" rery Tuesday and from 5:30 p.m - 8 p.m. all the games and she n. Shoe rentals will be 50 cents.	Sat., June 5  Discover beautiful Taormin known for its spectacular views and lush vegetation Stop at the Limoncello Factory at St. Venerina and the tour the town. After the tour you're on your won to shop and have dinner. Call ITT a 624-4396 for more information rome information.	





By Alberto Lunetta Signature Staff

### Cheese festival in Ragusa

Plan to attend this amazing Cheese Festival that will be held in and around the magnificent Donnafugata castle near Ragusa from June 1 through 6. For more information and detailed schedules check the following website: http://www.cheeseart.com/

### Music Festival begins in Taormina

Every year, the Taormian Music Festival brings internationally renowned artists to Sicily. The festival, which runs through Aug. 10, is held at the ancient Tearto Terco or Greec of Tees (Theater The theater serves as a magnificent backdrop for the festival as it offers amazing views of Ema and the Sicilian coastine. The theater dates back to the 3<sup>st</sup> century B.C. and features an exceptional acoustics. It is the second largest in Sicily after the one in Siracuss. Here are some of the must-see festival highlights of the July program.

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This amazing music festival has been held annually in Taormina since 1996. Peter Gabriel and Thomas Brooman created this festival that celebrates the diversity of the world through the performances of international musicians such as: Anniad Ali Khan (an Indian artist who has been in the forefront of sarod players for many eyears); Transrived Touraeg group from the southern Sahara who make the state of th

began his career by playing drums in soul and rock bands. In 1966, he founded the Genesis together with his classmates from the British secondary school. Among his best albums there are: "From Genesis to



Classic Rock artist Peter Gabriel will perform July 4 at the Taoramina Greek Theater during the annual Taoramina Arte Festival. Gabriel is best known for songs like "Salisbury Hill and Sledgehammer."

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Revelation" (1969), "Trespass" (1970), "Nursery Cryme "(1971),
"Foxtrof" (1972), "Genesis Live" (1973), "Selling England by the Pound"
(1973) and "The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway" (1974). In 1975,
Gabriel left Genesis for a solo career. Throughout the 1980s, Gabriel
began researching world music and in 1982 and experimenting with new
ethnical sounds and complex musical layering. He was the founder of
the famous WOMAD (World Of Music And Dance) Festival becoming
heavily involved in Amnesty International. Gabriel also composed the
music for Australian film "The Rabbit-Proof Fence" (released in June
2002) and Martin Sorsess'e sontroversial movie "The Last Temptation
of Christ." The movie soundtrack called "Passion" won him a Grammy
of Best New Age Recording and a nomination for Best Original Score.
Gabriel will present his latest album "Still Growing UP" that was recorded
in various locations including France, Senegal and on a boat traveling up
the Amazon Forest along with his best classies.

July 10 - Alanis Morissette

A Canadian pop superstar, Alanis Morissette was born in 1974. Morissette was already playing piano by the age of six and songwriting by the age of nine. She starether career as a pop diva in the Canadian music industry. Her best-hit singles include "Hand In My Pocket," "You Oughta Know," "You Learn," "All I Really Want" and "Ironic." They all belong to the "lagged Little Pill," album which gave her an unprecedented success (28 million copies sold) earning four Grammy Awards: album of the year, best female rock vocal performance, best rock song and best rock album. Morissette infuses her compositions with deep feelings, soul searching and "angry" emotions as well as a growing political and environmental awareness.

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Legendary American singer James Taylor was born in 1948,
Boston, Massachusetts. He has earned 40 gold, platinum, multiplatinum awards and five Grammy Awards. In 1998, Taylor was
also honored with the Century Award, Billboard magazine's highest
accolade, bestowed for distinguished creative achievement. The
year 2000 saw his induction into both the Rock and Roll Hall of
Fame and the prestigious Songwirter's Hall of Fame. Taylor's
classics, which span a successful 25-year career, include: "Carolina
in My Mind." "You've Gor A Friend," "Sweet Baby James" and
"Fire and Rain."

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Tickets

For additional information, complete schedules and tickets, click on
the following web site: www.ticketone.it. You can also call *Taoarte*0942-21142. Tickets will also be on sale at the following Catania travel 10942-21142. Itekets will also ool isale at ine following catalia tavet and ticket agencies: Vulcania Viaggi (095- 449787) Ticket's (095- 7225340) Ipotenusa Viaggi (095-317027) La Duca Viaggi (095-7222295) and Sport Point (095-7410585).

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# RĪ \/ 1) Who was Yogi Bear's girlfriend; Judy, Boo Boo, Cindy, or Yogina? 2) Who wrote "Death in the Afternoon;" Anne Rice, John Steinbeck, Herman Melville or Ernest Hemingway? 3) Who was the first host of the "Tonight Show"? 4) What was the first NFL team to get a 2 point conversion? 5) What is the xyphoid process? (Answers on page 8)



Monday, May 31

Theater Closed Tuesdays

Wednesday, June 2

Thursday, June 3

Friday, June 4

6 p.m. Van Helsing (PG-13)

6 p.m. Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13)

8 p.m. Walking Tall (PG-13)

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### Friday, May 28



6 p.m. The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13)\*\*



9 p.m. Troy (R)\*\*

# Saturday, May 29





3:30 p.m. The Prince and Me (PG)



6 p.m. Walking Tall (PG-13)

Sunday, May 30





3:30 p.m. The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13)







\*\*\* Future Re-release \*\*Sneak Preview \*Last Showing subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline

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# SDS Baccalaureate June 3

By Adriana Zyskowski

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As the school year comes to a close, no one is as excited as the Senior Class of 2004. Graduating on June 5, they have many things planned before the end of high school.

The Baccalaureate is one of these several planned events. This very special event will take place at the Nas I Chapel, as a non-denominational ecremony meant to give the seniors a blessing for the future they are about to begin. On June 3 at 6 p.m. the Baccalaureate will be held with AWCM (AW) Jim Burke as the guest speaker. Chaplain Tim Moore, Father Thom Dansak, and Father Joseph Carlos will also be there to give inspirational words to the

seniors. There will also be a presentation of each graduate and music.

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Thanks to the financial assistance of the AOSC, Fil-Am Association, Security Association, PTSA, Catholic Chapel, and Protestant Chapel have offered, this event will be sure to be a success. Without them, Baccalaureate would be non-existent.

This occasion, organized and sponsored by Maria Guillorme, Diane Johnson, Susan Landsittel, and Kitty Brisson, is meant to be meaningful and memorable for the seniors. The parents of many seniors have also been involved in helping make Baccalaureate an unforgettable event for an unforgettable year for the class of 2004.

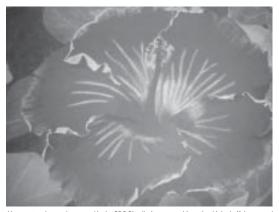
# Sidewalk Art showcases student talent

By Senior Lekisha James

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Stephen Decatur Secondary School
held its fifth annual Sidewalk Art in the
contryard May 25. Grades six through
twelve participated in this event, which
was held during seminar, the last period.
Contestants worked alone or with a
partner, and were able to draw anything
that is appropriate. All sidewalks in the
courtyard were used. Art teacher, Mrs.
Sue Nance provided the chalk and
sponsored the event.
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Sidewalk Art is a competitive event, so prizes were given to first, second, and third place winners. The SDSS Student Government provided ice cream to everyone who attended the Sidewalk Art. The Sidewalk Art event marked the beginning of the art show, which was held in the high school side of the media center. The art show was from May 25 through today during school hours. Work from all art classes, from beginning to advanced, is displayed. Viewers can look forward to seeing paintings, photography, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, and much more. This will be the largest art show in SDSS. SDSS. will be the largest art show in SDSS. SDSS opens its doors to the general public and hope that they will join them in the celebration of art.





Above artwork was showcased in the SDS Siwalk Art competition, that kicked off the annual Stephen Decatur Art show.

# Navy MWR joins up with Marine Corps, Army to offer Hawaiian tour

By Robin Hillyer Miles MWR Communications Group

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Navy Morale, lfare and Recreation (MWR) announced in May the

MILLINGTION, Tenn. (NIS) — Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) announced in May the creation of a new Hawaiian vacation tour, produced in conjunction with the Army and Marine Corps.

MWR's Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office is now offering a five day-four night Joint Services Hawaii Aloha Tour, Sept. 16-20.

"We received numerous inquiries about Hawaii tours at a recent conference, so the Joint Services decided to create this opportunity," said Karen Fritz, Navy MWR TIT/Leisure Travel Innanger. Your MWR professionals in each of the services have a vast knowledge of the tourism industry on the islands and have tenmed together to produce an outstanding package," she said. Open to qualified MWR participants, this combined effort is the first of its kind and will showcase historical and recreational activities within the Aloha State.

The itinerary includes a "Hawaiian Beach Party" limousine tour where participants ride canoes, take a

Hawalian tour

boogie board lesson, kayak in a glass boat, snorkel and play beach games. The beach party tour concludes with an authentic Hawaiian barbecue lunch, followed by a Ho'olaulea (Hawaiian block party) on Waikiki island. On the next morring, participants will visit the "Polynesian Cultural Center," featuring a celebration of the ancient tradition of Hawaiian royalty. They will end ted yo with a buur feast with entertainment from old and new Hawaii. Also included in the tour is a narrated 40-mile tour of Pearl Harbor and Honolulu.

The Joint Services Hawaiian Tour is a wailable for 8729 per person, based on double occupancy. They will end Angeles. Round-rips affect from Los Angeles. Round-rips aff

for more details

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gauges and controls inside the run room to ensure that everything is working and ready to test, inspecting the engine for Foreign Object Debris (FOD), checking and servicing the actual test cell facility to avoid a faulty run due to malfunctioning equipment, and adding lubricant so that the engine will run smoothly. Once these steps are completed, they are ready to start the testing process.

They will first "windmill the engine" which means that they will turn the engine using air pressure only to ensure that everything is functioning properly without the hazards of running fuel through the engine. They then start the engine and let it run, observing the run room controls and the engine itself while listening for any abnormal sounds, which can take anywhere from 45 minutes on a good run to one week if there are problems.

Once this is completed, they will add lubricant to the engine for preservation and send the engine back to the work center so that it may be shipped out to the fleet.

The majority of Test Cell operators are ADs. However, they

also staff AEs to assist with any electrical problems they may encounter. Operators are selected based on subject matter expertise and must take several closed book tests within 6 months of working in the Test Cell to become qualified operators. These operators must know their engines inside and out to be able to troubleshoot any problems that arise during an engine run, which commonly include leaks and FOD in the engine and less commonly, engine fires and even birds flying into the engine blades.

Without the test cell, working as an aircrew member in the Mediterranean would be a very dangerous job. Whatever the problem is, there is none too large for them to handle as the test cell operators are on call 24 hours per day and often work long hours. The test cell helps keep flying in Sigonella safe.

"Here at the Test Cell, we run tests on engines to determine whether or not they are ready to go into a bird," said AD2 Kwame Als, A T-64 Test Cell operators. "Without the Test Cell, squadrons like HC-4 and VP-26 wouldn't be able to complete their missions. We are definitely more important than alot of people give us credit for," he said.

Left: AD2 Anthony Williamson directs an engine while removing it from the test cell.

Right: AD2 Dustin Hinton loosens an engine mount so that the engine can be removed fromt he test cell.



## Trivia Answers

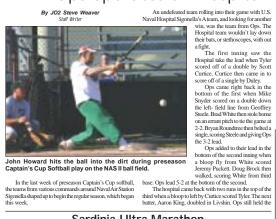
1) Cindy 2) Ernest Hemingway 3) Steve Allen 4) Cleveland Browns 5) The bony point at the tip of the sternum





# Ops operates on Hospital in preseason softball action

By JO2 Steve Weaver



Curtice. Curtice then came in to score off of a single by Duley.

lead at 5-4.

The bottom of the third was more of the same from Ops as Roundtree scored on a single by John Krannitz and a sacrifice fly from Puckets cored Dave McLaughlin. Ops extended their lead to 7-4 and would never look

:k. The hospital managed runs in the top of the fourth The hospital managed runs in the top of the fouring and seventh innings, but couldn't keep pace with the bats of Ops. Ops scored three in the fourth, one on the fifth and two more in the sixth inning to conclude the

fifth and two more in the sixth inning to conclude the scoring.

"I think we're swinging the bat read well," said Ops. coach White, whose team left the preseason undefeated at 3-0. "Base hits... that's the key to the game. It was pretty windy out there, but our defense kind of came around at the end of the game."

The wind played a factor in the game, as the hospital

team found out. "[It was hard] getting the wind to not throw the pitches off track. ... that's what the pitches said," said John Howard of the Hospital team. Wind or no, Howard thinsis his team has a shot at winning it all. He described their chances as being in line with those of the 1980 "Miracelo on lee" U.S. Olympic Hockey Team. Anew rule in the league is giving headache to some players. "The new rule is stealing." Howard said, "It just requires another level of thinking that we didn't have to do last year."

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Multe thinks his team, who went undeteated in B league play last year, can do well in the A league this year. "We're going to try," White said. "We were we bumped up by the command to A league this year we're going to give it a run for the money. Loaks like we'll be competitive, we'll see what happens."

# Tridents go the distance

By Lt. Francis Bisagni

While many Sailors remain content with running their requisite three miles per year, eight Tridents representing Patrol Squadron Twenty-Six (VP-26) distinguished themselves by completing Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella 3 longest road race, the NAS Sigonella 2nd Annual Half-Maration. Though half Sigonella 2nd Annual Half-Marathon. Though half a long, the half marathon requires just as much grit to finish as the longer 26.2-mile marathon. The tedious race proved even more of a challenge as what looked to be a thinning overcast sky gave way to soaking down pour.

Escorted by Carabineri and a security van, the 43-person event spiraled its way seven miles from NAS I to NAS 2. The runners then twisted 6.1 miles around the airfield then down past and around the softball field before spirinting the soggly home stretch to the finish line at the NAS 2 gym entrance.

"I was about half way around the airfield when I realized I had a lot left. That's when I started picking it up." said AW2 Nicholas Johnsen, who started

realized I had a lot left. I hat's when I started picking it up," said AW? Nicholas Johnsen, who started training for the half marathon when he found out about it eight weeks prior to the race. "I think the speed training helped me finish strong. I was really surprised at my performance, since I had never raced that far before."

Others in the field brought with them a little more experience. YN2 James Acosta has run two

marathons, one in Puerto Rico and one in Portland, Maine, in addition to two other half marathons. "This was a great course, really flat for the Overall, though



The runners crossed the finish lines to the cheers and the cheers and the cheers and the sign of the s

mush lines to the cheers and encouragement of their fellow Tridents who brawed the inclement weather. First place finisher among Team Trident was PH3 Johnathan Roark, who finished with a time of 1:43:18. Lt. Stephanie Gay placed 2<sup>st</sup> in the Women's Overall Open category with a time of 2:05:04.

## Sardinia Ultra Marathon

By Jennifer Langevin

Ever trained for a marathon? A marathon is 26.2 miles or 42.195 Km ... an ultra marathon is anything beyond that distance. Why would anyone want to run that far? The challenge and experience were reason enough for my husband Paul Langevin and Thad Smith of HC

The Sardinia Ultra Marathon is a 60 Km trail race The Sardinia Ultra Marathon is a 60 Km trail race held in Macomer, a small town on the island of Sardinia. The race was two 30 Km loops with six checkpoints per loop over orling dirt roads through farms and forested land. Only 15 people and one dog participated this year. Paul and Thad were the only non-Italians and the race director went out of his way to make them feel at home. In only cost 15 Euro a piece to run the Sardinia Ultra Marathon. This included coffee and pastries before the

get a T-shirt and a medal.

So, how long does it take to run a 60 Km trail race This was their very first and Paul finished in 5 hours 55 minutes while Thad finished in 5 hours 30 minutes.

minutes while Thad finished in 5 hours 30 minutes. Surprisingly, they were both walking normally been they returned! They finished 7\* and 8\* and ran nearly continuously unlike fellow nacres who stopped half way through for painis and beer (in case you were wondering, the guys who stopped didn't do so well in the race). Both Paul and Thad had an excellent experience. They made new friends, exchanged e-mail addresses and are looking forward to going back to spend more time on Sardninia exploring the island. The pictures they took are beautiful...tit is so clean there! I'm going to start with a regular marathon, but maybe next year, I'll be ready for an ultra in Sardninia?

race, a T-shirt, trophy and medal upon finishing, snacks

Celebration from page 1





Above Right: CTA2 Chris Backer performed the martial arts of Kempo, Kabuto and open hand Kata during the celebration.

Right: The first dance of the evening, the Kini-Kini, originated as a means of entertaining guests at social gatherings. It gracefully uses scarves and handkerchiefs and is punctuated by static poses.

After the display of dances, clothing and other displays, all in attendance enjoyed an Asian-Pacific food tasting in the SDS cafeteria.

"This is my third Asian-Pacific Heritage Month celebration with the Fil-Am club and I got to tell you it's been a wonderful tour," said Capt. Tim Davison, NASSIG commanding officer. Davison recalled his days as a west coast Sailor and wondered how he was going to get by without any Filipino food when he came to Sigonella. "Much to my and Gretchen's surprise and pleasure, we were here less than a week and we got to have some tremendous Filipino food when he came to Sigonella. "Much to my and fondest memories I'll have of NAS Sigonella ... the hospitality of this cith."

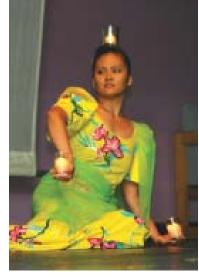
The Fil-Am association, now in its 17th year, has hosted many of













Above: Saori Peterson and Naoko Holt display traditional fans and umbrellas. Above right: Beth Moran carefully balances candles during the Binasuan dance. Right: (\*\*\*) performs Origami, making a character from the TV show Pokemon.

# Sigonellan dancers showoff talents at recitals



Story and photos by PH3(SW) Betsi Currence Staff Photographer

Every year as dance classes come to an end the students and instructors prepare to showoff what they have learned over the course of the last year.

Recently about 60 NAS Sigonella dance students whirled and twirled for parents and friends at two recitals held at the Stephen Decatur School on May 21 and 23.

"All of the students are very excited about the recital," said Esther Scott, one of the dance instructors.

MWR and the dancers' parents

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Left: The Intermediate class performs "Sleeping Beauty No. 23 Pas DeQuatre."

Above: Sarah Scott performs the lyrical dance solo "Fallen"





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English Canadian female babysitter available in Aci Trezza and surrounding area. Certified in CPR and First Aid. Call Cody at 339-166-2440 or 333-601-6146.

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Manicures and Pedicures by Katie in Marinai Housing. Call 624-1454 for appointment. Candles soft music and cookies. Gift Certificates available.

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1990 Opel Vectra, 4 door, white in good condition, cover/AFI plated. \$1500 O.B.O. call 624-

2000 Toyota Corolla One-owner vehicle. Only 24,000 2000 Toyota Corolla One-owner vehicle. Only 24,000 miles, auto trans., locks, windows, cruise control, A/C, Champagne w/ window tint. Four-door sedan, great family car. Available June 11. \$8,500 or best offer. 624-3211 or 340-378-1450.

1988 Alfa Romeo 33 New brakes, tires, and muffler. Just had tune-up and oil change. 4 dr, power windows, 5 speed, draws 300 liters. \$800 OBO. For info call 335-578-8124.

Fiat Camper Van. Has diesel engine, natural wood interior, kitchen, hot water shower, toilet, furnace, cargo rack. Sleeps 4. Can be seen on NAS I, Green and White, \$2500 or best offer by 1 June. Call 095308378.

1994 Toyota Townace Minivan. RHD, auto transmission, green, a/c, heat, power windows/locks, comes with 4 new Bridgestone tires, extra brake discs, pads, wiper blades, bulbs, etc. AFI cover plated, \$3900 OBO. Call Rick @ 624-1217, 624-5483, 335-739-0347.

1994 Alfa Romeo 155 in mint condition a/c pwr wds,locks,stereo,asking price \$2,400 call cell phone 347-7585654.

1995 Ford Windstar \$2900 (below Blue Book)- Great family van. Reliable. New tires, brakes. Automatic. 6 cylinder. Tinted glass, front/rear-air-conditioning. AM/FM/Tape player. Call Larry 3355998550 or Kathy

3497514758 or 095-789-0029. Available July 5th.

1995 Acura Integra LS White 2Dr, 5spd, US Specs, LS/VTEC engine. Too many upgrades to mention.
Asking 7,000.00 firm. Contact: Victor @ 340-053-3898.

1993 Volkswagen Golf GTI 16 valves, colour blue, 2000 cc. excellent engine, A/C, alloy rims, pwr everything ,driving test any time; Euro 2,500 O.B.O. Call 339-5355922.

1993 Ford Aerostar Van. White. Looks ok, runs good. Great vehicle for the family. Will haul the groceries and the kids. 400 liters per month. Automatic, AC. 2700\$ OBO. Call Mike at 624-0346.

2001 BMW Z3 , 1.9 Liters. Euro 23,500. Silver, Convertible top, leather seats, hub caps, 14,000 miles, A/C, CD and TV player, alarm system. Call Alex 347-483-4201.

**2000 Volvo V70 Turbo** (180 HP) Euro Specs – April 1997, 140000 km (86,940 miles), full options, Blue, A/C, automatic, ABS. Four air bags, stereo, Volvo custom baby seats. Euro 9,200. Call Rick at 624-4690 or 3385326171 after 16.30.

**1992 Mercedes 190E**. Look good, runs great, P/W, Air. \$2600.00 Call Susan at 624-2721 or Shane at 340-292-5005.

1990 Lancia Thema 2000cc, 16 valve. Color blue, general good conditions: new tires, A/C... Asking 1,900 Euro. Call Maria at x5781 or x6877.

1988 Honda Accord LX 4Dr (US Specs.)2.0L, Automatic, A/C, Power Steering, Power Door Lock, Cruise Control. New Brake Pads, New Tires B/B Value ⊗ 2.900 will sell for \$2.300. Call Ted ⊕ 335-642-8235 or 095-306-477 or Xtn 6198.

1995 Opel Tigra Newly rebuilt engine, new brakes, power windows, alarm system, CD player, A/C, manual transmission, clean interior, great condition. \$3,9000 OBO. Contact Josh at x6579 (work) or 340-292-4975

1991 Alfa Romeo 164 Turbo, Burgundy, 4dr, AFI plated, all pwr, A/C, leather seats. Very good condition. Asking \$3,250.00 OBO. Call Promise at x4536 or x0326.

1989 BMW 520i, black, 4dr, AFI plated, A/C, PWR windows, CD player. Good condition. Asking \$2,250.00 windows, CD player. Good condition. a OBO. Call Promise at x4536 or x032

1954 Citroen Traction Avant Restored to immaculate working condition. Burgundy red and black in color, 1.9-liter engine.Interior restored. PRICE: € 16000.00. P.O.C: ALFIO EXT. 624-6894.

2000 Passat SW 4 motion highline automatic, 2.800cc full option, km 44.000, also I year warranty, like new. price \$9800.00 for information call 338-2185499 ask for Joseph.

1998 Alfa Romeo 156 2.4 JTD - 06/, 85000 Km, GREAT GAS MILAGE !!! (over 1000 miles with 100 Liters of DIESEL), manual transission, auto ArC, Dual Air Bags, ABS, sterco, silver, Check Control Panel, GREAT COMPITIONS (Amy TEST)!! - POR SALE EIR II.500, CALL RICK 08:00-16:30 @ 624-4690 or after 17,00 = 5385252011 / 0857515371

1990 Audi 80 1800i cc. power locks, power windows, power steering, sunroof, FM cassette stereo, electronic alarm, new tires, new muffler, recently tune up, passed safety inspection. Price Euro 2,700 Call Saro at 624-6893(work) 095-7793664(home) 347-7529584(cell.)

1990 VW Golf GL, 5 door, 5 speed. Very reliable car in great condition with new tires, brakes and radio with speakers. AFI plated. Asking \$1500. Call Shep X6355 or Jennifer 095.896 066 (evenings).

2000 Jeep Wrangler Sport, 4.0 liter engine, 4 WD automatic transmission, AC, ABS Brakes, Alloy wheels, Alpine CD player, white/tan soft top, with jeep extras. Only 30,500 miles. AFI cover plated. Asking \$15,000 OBO. Call 335-768-3760 or 624-1247.

1996 Chrysler Town & Country Mini Van. Low 56,000 miles. Loaded. Many Sicilian beauty marks but great vehicle, seats 7 / 5-Doors - asking \$7,000. Can't ship to Okinawa. Call Rocco (W) x4861/4205, (H) x1474. Available in July.

1997 FIAT Brava. RARE Automatic and AC. Great compact Family car, easily seats five. Low 53,000 miles. Asking \$4,500. Can't ship to Okinawa. Call Rocco (W) x4861/4205, (H) x1474. Available in July.

1993 Volkswagen Golf GTI, 16 valves, colour blu, 2000 cc., excellent engine, A/C, alloy rims, pwr



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everything, driving test any time; Euro 2,400 O.B.O. Call 339-5355-922.

1993 Renault Chamade, Runs Great, New Tune Up, New Tires and Breaks. Very Cold A/C. Asking \$3,500 OBO Call 095-56-3627/624-3627 or 3405937725.

1992 Mercedes, 4 door, AIR, P/W, CD Player, safe and reliable, runs great. \$2,000 Must sell, PCS, see at NAS II. Call Susan at 624-2721 or Richard at 335-599-2168.

1990 BMW 520i - 6cyl., 5 spd., sunroof, runs well, drives nicely. New front tires, timing, alternator, power steering and AC belts. New thermostat and clutch fan. New oil pan gasket, oil change and filter. Has great AC, but needs new switch, which we are working on. \$2,500 OBO. Call 624-1529 or 095-86-1529 from off base, leave message.

1993 VW Golf GT 138,000 km, 5 spd Manual, 4dr, Power locks, Windows, Mirrors A/C, CD Player w/ 100 watt base tube, Red in color. Asking \$3,000 OBO. AFI plated. Available in mid July. Contact Jeremy x8560.

1994 Eagle Talon AFI Plated, Automatic, 4 cyl, 1.8 ltr, 110,0000 miles, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Tilt Wheel, Flip Up Roof, AM/FM Cassette, Dk Green, Good condition. Available 11 June. \$2,000. Call 624-3587/624-5577/3405938488.

1990 BMW stationwagon power windows and doors, AFI plated, automatic, \$2,200. Please call 624-1404.

1999 Ford Fiesta Studio. Silver, 2dr, 5 speed. Power windows, A/C, Dual airbags, A/M/FM/CD Player. New battery/tires. Great gas mileage, car is in great shape. Available around 15 June 2004. \$4,500. Call Mike at 624-9251 or Michelle at 624-0165.

2002 Harley Davidson Sportster XLH 883. Includes Hypercharger, Screaming Eagle Mufflers, Sissybar, Internally wired handlebars, and Many more parts. A one of a kind. 5,100 miles \$11,000 negotiable within reason. Contact Alex at (W) 5299(H) 0343 (Cell) 3408520452.

2000 Chevrolet Cavalier, Silver, 4 doors 64,000 miles, automatic transmission, AM/FM radio, good condition. MUST SELL!! Asking \$8,200 O.B.O(price negotiable) For more info contact Ion at 30-479-0772 or e-mail me at jon1202836 yahoo.com.

1990 Maserati Bi-Turbo. All original, silver, 4 dr., leather interior, wood grain detailed, 5-spd., completely tuned-up, 57k miles. PCS forces sale. This vehicle is in excellent condition and very reliable. \$6,000. Call 674-1.541

1995 Honda Civic, Black, full options, HIFI, alarm system. \$4,300. Call Nuccio 339-2023740 or 340Pets

Free 2yr old Tabby Cat. Neutered, chipped & shots upto date. Very friendly and affectionate, loves being around people. Cannot take back to the states. For pictures or information call #340-360-1482 or e-mail las. 1971 @hotmail.com.

Loyal, playful, protective female pup needs loving family to give her treats, toys, and cuddles. 1 yr old. Red-gold color, 30lbs, spayed. JR at 340-563-7136 or x6368.

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6 month old female Dalmatian, house trained, loves kids. Must sell, paid 150.00 euro let go for \$100.00. Call Brian or Patti Robinson if interested 624-1346 home 339-2184123 cell.

### For Sale

GE web cam \$10, two standard smoke detectors (never used) \$15 each, small fire extinguisher (perfect for kitchen) \$10, 2 light brown curiant rods \$15 each, Webber BBQ grill \$10, Phillips cell phone w/omnitell chip \$35. Stemens cell phone w/omnitell chip \$35. Stemens cell phone w/omnitell chip \$30. Stemens cell phone w/omnitell chip \$30. Stemens cell phone w/omnitell chip (needs new battery) \$20. TRUST external modern \$30. Call 095-306092 or X3263.

120v Microwave \$25, 2 Chest of drawers \$15 each, tall round top Bar table for \$45, 624-3211 or 340-3781450.

Crib with mattress for sale. Both in very good condition. \$50. Changing table also for sale. \$10 o.b.o. Please call Jessica or Steve at 624-3579

\$200 - O'brien Windsurf Board with two Sails and harness. Great learning setup. Great summer fun. Call Larry at 3355998550 or Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 3497514758. Available now.

\$5 per pair: Caterpillar leather hiking boots, size 8; Black leather western riding boots, size 8.5D; Brown suede snow boots, size 39 (worn once). Call Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758.

Homeschoolers! Abeka course materials available for children in Second thru Fifth grades. Call Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758.

Moving Sale: Play Station and Computer games at \$5 each. Kid's desk \$15. Four lawn chairs, \$10 each. 220V portable radiator heater, \$45. 220V portable air conditioner, \$100. Standup 220V Fan: \$15. Gas Grill, \$30. Call 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758.

Compaq Presario 900, \$900 contact via email phineasfog@yahoo.com

20" Magnavox Color TV, with Remote. \$100. Great Condition. All manuals included. Perfect for Barracks or your child's bedroom. Call John at 624-6535 during working hours.

Krups "Il café Duomo styled" coffee and expresso maker, \$50(110v). Full size 14oz Bean bag "Dallas cowboys" \$20. Black and Decker Iron \$5. Burton "Signature" golf bag and x3 Top Flite packs (15 balls each) \$195. 30" C-5 Epiphone acoustic guitar, never used, excellent for beginners plus x2 VHS Guitar Beginner videos \$80. Winmau Bristle Darbabard, excellent condition \$45. Brine "Magnum" short Lacrosses stick \$10. IV CRS-FKSR Cassette receiver \$65. X2 Queen size Mink Blankets (Green and Burgandy) \$50 ea. 27" Panasonic color TV \$170. Contact Ted af .095-277697 or email Fergy94@holmail com.

Inac Blueberry G3 333 Mitz for sale. Great for children or can be used as a second computer. It has 32MB ram, OS 8.6.6 GB Hard Drive, virtual memory, built in speakers, USB Reyboard and mouse and power cord. This computer also comes with with extra software such as Quick Time. MicroSoft Office 98, Pesto Mr. Photo, and World Book and extra software. ASking 5300.Catal G24-0126

Available 14 May: Entertainment Center (bought new for \$220, selling for \$150) Large computer desk (\$85) Beaufful wool rug, appx 6'x9' (\$80 OBO). Available onew 6' Artificial Christmas tree (\$5) Decorative tins (great for baked gifts, etc all for \$2); 2 large Pothos vining plants (\$250 for both) Plastic balcony/path furniture (\$5 for 2 class) and end table). Accent table Case in PSS still in box (bought new but doesn't fit my motherboard \$200 Oil lamps (1 frg 2 sm \$5 for all). & assorted toys. Contact Daphne at 340-574-3960 or x6904.

Barbie Cruisin Tunes Power Wheels jeep. Seat 2 up to 90 lbs. Very new. \$100, pd. \$279. Video Now personal video player with discs, never opened, \$60. Little Tikes shopping carts 2 for \$15. Call Shawn x0313 or 340-9769145.

1985 21' Marathon boat with dual axle trailer and 4 cylinder Mercruiser engine. \$9,500.00. Both in excellent condition. Fully outlitted with stove, sink, v-bunk cushions, stereo, extra trailer tires etc... Call 095 89 6320 after 6 p.m. or 335 122 7756 / 095 780 6108 during the day.

PCS SALE AFN Decoder w/dish & remote—\$400, 1500W transformer—\$20, 220V toaster—\$5, 20-27inch tension rods for Italian window/door curtains—\$1 ca/12 available. Call 095-307788 9am-9pm

Laptop Pentium 3 700mhz running Windows XP Pro 316MB RAM DVD-ROM and 20 gig harddrive. Asking \$700. Call x0304 or 335-7493212.

Portable 220V Air Cond.- works great!-\$85; Hide-a-Bed Sleeper Sofa \$200; child's white desk &20; electric heater (220V)-\$10 - Call Kathy at 095-7890029 or 349-751-4758 or e-mail larrykathy78@yahoo.com for

Italian appliances; 1500KW transformer \$40, coffeepot, \$5, alarm clock, \$5, nice cell phone and older cell phone, \$60 for both, portable phone, \$40. See at NAS II. Must sell, PCS. Call Susan at 624-2721 or Richard at 335-599-2168.

PCS Move - Panasonic 220V hand held phone with answering system-\$80; Various 220V appliances - toaster - \$10, iron - \$10, vacumn cleaner - \$40, blowdryer-\$10 - All available after June 26th. Call 095-7890029 or 349-7514758 or e-mail larrykathy78⊕yahoo.com

Ladies size 6 & 8 jeans, excellent condition -\$3 each; Other Ladies clothing size 8 & 10 & 12; Plants - various prices. Call Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758 or e-mail - larrykathy78@yahoo.com

Erikson Cell Phone with chip, charger, leather case, new battery, box and instructions - \$65, available after July 3rd. Call 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758, or email: larrykathy78@yahoo.com

Spanish Feria Dress (ladies size 10), hunter green and white polka dots, plus matching accessories - all for \$100; First Communion/Confirmation Dress (girl's size 16)White \$75. Call 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758 or e-mail: larrykathy78@yahoo.com

Start your summer off right. Seven days in Malaga, Spain. Less than 91 Euro per night. \$800 for the week. You can't touch that anywhere. Malaga, the home of Picasso. One room that sleeps four with a full kitchen at the Club La Costa at Marina Ed Sol. Dates are Friday, June 18 through June 25, 2004. Call x6735, x1216 or 3357-625-468. Ask for Kelly or Dan.

### Wanted

Babysitter in my Marinai home Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday OR Sunday from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Alternate times negotiable. English speaking non-smoker preferred. Call 624-1228 or 335-578-9873.

### Yard Sale

Multi-family yard sale. From furniture to kitchenware, you name it, a little of everything. George Foremans, lamps, chairs, maybe even sofas. Come check it out May 29 and 30th starting at 10am. until the items are gone. Where? 205 housing, number 329 E or you can call 624-3681 if you have any questions.

### Lost and Found

If you lost your cell phone at the Crater Pub, on or about 14 May, you can go to NAS 1 Security to

